

CITY OF LACONIA - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 24, 2020

7:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

8/24/2020 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hosmer called the meeting to order at the above date and time.

As Mayor of the Laconia City Council, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All Council Members have the ability to communicate during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to watch the live YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/laconianh>, listen to this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 or participate by the Zoom app: Webinar ID: 853 2086 7359 password 417025

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting;

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the City of Laconia's website at: www.laconianh.gov.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access;

If anybody has a problem, please call 524-3877 x 249 or email at: cityclerk@laconianh.gov

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Councilor Cheney lead the Salute to the Flag.

3. RECORDING SECRETARY

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

4. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES (physically present)

Councilor Soucy YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Councilor Lipman YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Councilor Haynes YES, (physically present)

Councilor Hamel YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Councilor Felch YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Mayor Hosmer noted all six (6) Councilors were in attendance and a quorum has been established.

5. **STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Scott Myers, City Manager

Glenn Smith, Finance Director

6. **COUNCIL PROCLAMATION**

7. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.A. **Regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020**

Minutes of the meeting were distributed to the City Council on Thursday, August 13, 2020. With no corrections or changes submitted to the Clerk, the minutes will be accepted as distributed.

8. **CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS**

8.A. **Request for fundraising on City Park property - The Lance Reason Basketball Tournament, Wyatt Park, September 19, 2020 (rain date September 26, 2020)**

Councilor Felch moved to approve the request by Sarah Jenna for the use of Wyatt Park for the Lance Reason Basketball Tournament on Saturday, September 19, 2020 (rain date September 26, 2020) from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

8.B. **Request from Belknap Mill Society - Riverside Duck Derby, Rotary Riverside Park, October 17, 2020, 10 am to 6 pm**

Councilor Cheney moved to approve the request from Belknap Mill Society for the Riverside Duck Derby, Rotary Riverside Park, October 17, 2020 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, seconded by Councilor

Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

9. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments from the public were made.

10. **INTERVIEWS**

11. **NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS**

11.A. **Jim Rogato - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Putnam Fund to a five-year term expiring at the end of March, 2025**

Councilor Cheney moved to reappoint Jim Rogato as a regular member of the Putnam Fund to a five-year term expiring at the end of March, 2025, seconded by Councilor Felch;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.B. **David Keets - Seeking appointment to a regular public member position on the Building Code Board of Appeals to a five-year term expiring at the end of March, 2025**

Councilor Haynes moved to appoint David Keets as a regular member of the Building Code Board of Appeals to a five-year term expiring at the end of March, 2025, seconded by Councilor Soucy;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.C. Mitch Hamel - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023

Councilor Felch moved to reappoint Mitch Hamel as a regular member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023, seconded by Councilor Soucy;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.D. Jane Whitehead - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Heritage Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023

Councilor Haynes moved to reappoint Jane Whitehead as a regular member of the Heritage Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel NO

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed.

11.E. Jane Whitehead - Seeking appointment as a regular member of the Historic District Commission

No motion to appoint was made.

11.F. Tara Shore - Seeking appointment as a regular member of the Historic District Commission

Councilor Lipman moved to appoint Tara Shore as a regular member of the Historic District Commission to a Two-year term expiring at the end of March, 2022, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.G. Karl Reitz - Seeking appointment as a regular member of the Historic District Commission

Councilor Hamel moved to appoint Karl Reitz as a regular member of the Historic District Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023, seconded by Councilor Soucy;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.H. Laurel Briere - Seeking appointment as a regular member of the Historic District Commission

Councilor Cheney moved to appoint Laurel Briere as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023 seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.I. **Hillary Martin - Seeking appointment as a regular member of the Historic District Commission**

Councilor Lipman moved to appoint Hillary Martin as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023, seconded by Councilor Felch;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.J. **Sonja Misiaszek - Seeking appointment as a regular member of the Historic District Commission**

Councilor Hamel moved to appoint Sonja Misiaszek as a regular member of the Historic District Commission to a Three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023, seconded by Councilor Felch;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

11.K. **Pamela Clark - Seeking appointment as a regular member of the Historic District Commission**

No motion to appoint was made.

11.L. **Highway Safety Commission Appointment - Wes Anderson**

Councilor Haynes moved to reappoint Wes Anderson to the Highway Safety Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023, seconded by Councilor Soucy;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS**

13. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

14. **PRESENTATIONS**

15. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hosmer asked for point of personal privilege and spoke right after the approval of the previous meetings minutes. (Item 7A)

Mayor Hosmer wanted to share some information that the public may have already been made aware of and wanted to give the public an opportunity to speak on it they so choose. This the City's first opportunity to discuss this in public session. Pursuant to NH RSA 91-A3 II (d) the City Council and City Manager have had ongoing discussions about the City acquiring some parcels of property within the City. The City has entered into a Purchase and Sales contract for the purchase of some land.

Mayor Hosmer asked for the City Manager to put together all of the non-public sessions regarding the City acquiring some properties. City Manager Myers explained he will gather all of the minutes and get them to the Council to review and then they will be placed as an agenda item at the next Council meeting. It will take a vote of the Council to unseal any sealed minutes during a public meeting.

Councilor Cheney asked that any public input regarding this topic also be provided at the same time.

City Manager Myers will have the public input minutes alongside the non-public minutes.

Mayor Hosmer explained that the City has entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement to purchase two parcels at the corner of Church Street and Messer Street pursuant to consolidation plans for the Catholic Diocese's of Manchester. The St. Joseph's Church, which is no longer used for masses, the Busiel House Rectory, and the old Holy Trinity School. Within the last year that entire parcel was subdivided into three

separate parcels. The City has purchased the Busiel House Rectory, the Holy Trinity school structure and the parking lot behind the St. Joseph's Church for \$1.14 million. The intent of the City for this purchase was because of the limited parking in the downtown area. There are plenty of options to grow the local economy especially with the future opening of the 750 seat Colonial Theatre. There was a placeholder in the recently passed tax-cap compliant budget. It is a topic of consideration that the City may not maintain ownership of these two particular buildings since the primary motivation was to acquire parking spaces. Going forward it will be considered whether they will be used for something else or if there will be interest in private parties in purchasing them. Mayor Hosmer stated this was an opportunity for strong public/private relationships.

Mayor Hosmer thanked his fellow Councilors, City Manager Myers, Father Mark, and the Diocese of Manchester for the work that went into the negotiations which because of COVID took longer than anticipated.

Mayor Hosmer also reminded the public that because this was not on the agenda and if they wish to make public comment they can do so during the section of Comments from the public for items not on tonight's agenda.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.A. FINANCE (Lipman (Chair), Hamel, Cheney)

16.A.i. WOW Trail Funding

16.A.ii. Downtown TIF Financing

16.B. PUBLIC SAFETY (Cheney (Chair), Soucy, Lipman)

16.C. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES (Soucy (Chair), Felch, Cheney)

16.C.i. Review of Chapter 167, Noise and Chapter 161 Licensing as it pertains to outdoor sound equipment and loudspeakers

16.C.ii. Ordinance Amending Chapter 221, Vehicles and Traffic/Parking on Sublawns

16.C.iii. Procedural review of grant applications

16.C.iv. Regulation of Short Term Residential Rental Businesses

16.C.v. Proposed Historic Overlay District

16.C.vi. Scenic Road Motorcycle Noise Petition

16.D. LANDS & BUILDINGS (Hamel (Chair), Haynes, Felch)

16.D.i. Downtown parking garage

16.D.ii. Repair & maintenance of City buildings

16.D.iii. Perley Pond Maintenance

16.D.iv. Plan for the DPW Compound

16.D.v. Continuation of the discussion regarding parking in the Lakeport area

16.E. PUBLIC WORKS (Haynes (Chair), Felch, Soucy)

16.E.i. **Retaining Wall Policy**

17. **LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilor Haynes spoke of the Heritage Commission meeting in regards to demolition permits, one being a building on Court Street owned by Stafford Oil and the other was for the Elm Street project.

Councilor Hamel updated the Council on the Colonial Theatre project. It is over 50% complete.

18. **CITIZENS REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments from the public were made.

19. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

19.A. **Financial and Operational Trends Report**

City Manager Myers reviewed the report.

19.B. **Project Updates Report**

City Manager Myers reviewed the report.

19.C. **Monthly Economic Development Report**

City Manager Myers reviewed the report.

City Manager Myers followed up with Erika Blizzard regarding the faux fire tower. She stated she is unable to do what the Council has suggested. She is, however, having the letters replaced for the inside of the building where the brick had been maintained that says Lakeport Fire Station. City Manager Myers showed a rendering of those letters.

City Manager Myers briefed the Council on Motorcycle Week. On the first Saturday of Motorcycle Week, the parking spaces were almost full and the area was busy but with both motorcycles and cars. It was in comparison to Laconia's Fourth of July weekend. There was a lot of foot traffic. City Manager Myers stated that both the police chief and fire chief reported the weekend was relatively quiet, relative to calls. There was a good mix of cars and motorcycles.

Councilor Hamel attended the Peter Makris ride on Sunday. There was about 90 bikes and the Naswa did a good job keeping people socially distant and wearing masks.

Mayor Hosmer noticed that the number of vehicles in the Weirs area were from either NH or Massachusetts or within the New England area.

Councilor Felch asked if the Weirs Action Committee could use the entire lot and not restrict the use considering the lack of people.

City Manager Myers does not have a problem letting the parking lot run as normal like it has the past couple of weeks. There is consensus from the Council to allow that.

20. **NEW BUSINESS**

20.A. **Colonial Theatre Management Company Recommendation**

Mayor Hosmer explained the background of this item.

Councilor Felch moved to authorize the City Manager to draft a contract between the City and

Spectacle Management for the operation and management of The Colonial Theatre, using the Spectacle proposal dated July 1, 2020 and follow-up correspondence as the framework for the contract, and to bring the contract back to the City Council for final approval, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

Councilor Soucy questioned the insurance on the liquor license.

City Manager Myers explained the City will not be holding the liquor license, but Spectacle would be procuring the liquor and food licenses and they would be insuring them.

Councilor Soucy would like to see more updates being done downtown.

City Manager Myers explained how the Mayor was in the process of forming a small business roundtable discussion group but COVID hit and that has not been able to happen yet.

Councilor Felch has already spoke to someone that is interested in renting the downstairs of the Theatre and he feels once the Theatre gets going the rest of the downtown area will get moving.

Councilor Hamel hopes everyone gets a chance to read the proposal by Spectacle and thinks they will do a great job getting the theatre up and running.

City Manager Myers echoed Councilor Hamel's sentiments regarding the proposed management company but would like to make it known that because of COVID, things may look different in the very beginning, such as the number of shows and how many people can be put in the theatre once it opens. Most likely shows won't start until July of 2021.

Councilor Cheney would like to see a breakdown of the insurance at the next meeting.

City Manager Myers thinks that will be spelled out in the actual contract.

Mayor Hosmer wanted to make it known that the committee was unanimous about recommending Spectacle Management.

Mayor Hosmer called the question.

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.B. **Conversion of three of the two-hour parking spaces on Union Ave in front of 781 Union Ave to 15-minute parking spaces**

Mayor Hosmer explained the background to this request.

City Manager Myers also stated there are two extra motions included to help with some housekeeping items.

Councilor Cheney moved to waive a reading of this Ordinance in its entirety and to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Felch moved a first reading of Ordinance 221-37 pertaining to the conversion of three (3) parking spaces from Two (2) hour parking to 15-minute parking in front of 781 Union Ave, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Cheney moved to schedule a public hearing on September 14, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting to gather public input prior to adoption, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Felch moved that the Police and Public Works Departments continue to enforce the previously approved parking restrictions, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

Councilor Lipman asked for an explanation.

City Manager Myers explained that the Code needs to be updated in Chapter 221.

Mayor Hosmer called the question.

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Felch moved that Public Works update the current Code of Ordinances to reflect all previously approved parking restrictions by January 1, 2021, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.C. Proposed changes to Chapter 201-15, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II. Protection of Streets and § 201-16 Excavation, Driveway, paving and digging permits.

City Manager Myers explained the background to this item. Anytime the City is repaving a street, all utility companies will be notified that if they need to do any updates on that street, now would be the proper time to do so. There will be damage charges and per square foot fees assessed for any cuts that need to be made into a road that has been redone within the first five years.

Councilor Felch asked how this would affect a potential new business.

City Manager Myers stated it could affect a new business, but there is hopes that the utilities are already in place.

Councilor Hamel asked if this will be going to all the utility companies or just the private contractors?

City Manager Myers stated this will absolutely go to all of the utility companies. This is to protect the investment that the City made.

Councilor Lipman would like the rules that are already in place looked at.

Councilor Soucy asked if emergencies would be considered a waiver.

Councilor Felch moved to refer the proposed changes to Chapter 201-15, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II, Protection of Streets and 201-16 Excavation, Driveway, paving and digging permits to the Public Works committee, seconded by Hamel;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.D. **Estimated savings by converting curbside solid waste collection from a manual to an automated system**

City Manager Myers explained that the DPW Director, Wes Anderson, has already spoken about this briefly. The automated system is where the truck picks up the garbage containers, which cuts down on man power and worker's compensation. This would take a lead time of close to two years before going live. It will have to go out to bid and not all contractors will have the required trucks, and then the residents will need to have the appropriate garbage containers.

Councilor Cheney motioned to move this item to the Public Works Committee for detailed discussion and recommendations and also to review and recommend updates to Chapter 194, Solid Waste of the City Code, seconded by Councilor Felch;

Councilor Lipman thinks once the Public Works Committee deals with this it also needs to go to Finance Committee. Councilors Cheney and Felch consider that a friendly amendment to the main motion.

Councilor Hamel asked if this is going to be in-house or contracted out?

City Manager Myers stated the City will look to contract this out. There are probably companies that have a better expertise in this area.

Mayor Hosmer called the question as amended:

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.E. **Ratify and approve the refinancing of several bonds as approved by the Laconia City Council Finance Committee**

City Manager Myers explained the background to this item as well as the next three items.

Councilor Cheney moved to ratify and approve the Finance Committee votes of July 13, 2020 relating to the refinancing of the outstanding bonded debt described in such votes by reducing the interest rate on each such bond, seconded by Councilor Felch;

Mayor Hosmer explained the savings amounts.

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.F. **First reading of Resolution 2020-14 relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2015 bond in the amount of \$6,077,093**

Councilor Cheney moved to waive a reading of this Resolution in its entirety and to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Cheney moved a first reading of Resolution 2020-14, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2015 bond in the amount of \$6,077,093, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Hamel moved to schedule a Public Hearing on September 14, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding Resolution 2020-14, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund existing debt in the amount of \$6,077,093, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.G. **First reading of Resolution 2020-15, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund existing debt in the amount of \$630,000**

Councilor Cheney moved to waive a reading of this Resolution in its entirety and to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Haynes moved a first reading of Resolution 2020-15, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2018 bond in the amount of \$630,000, seconded by Councilor Felch;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Felch moved to schedule a Public Hearing on September 14, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding Resolution 2020-15, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund existing debt in the amount of \$630,000, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.H. **First reading of Resolution 2020-16, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2018 bond in the amount of \$2,000,000**

Councilor Cheney moved to waive a reading of this Resolution in its entirety and to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Felch moved a first reading of Resolution 2020-16, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2018 bond in the amount of \$2,000,000 seconded by Councilor Soucy;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Felch moved to schedule a Public Hearing on September 14, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding Resolution 2020-16, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund existing debt in the amount of \$2,000,000, seconded by Councilor Hamel;

Mayor Hosmer reviewed the savings.

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Hamel thanked Finance Director Glenn Smith for doing the work to save the City a tremendous amount of money.

20.I. **Request to schedule a public hearing on September 14, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority**

City Manager Myers gave a brief background to this item.

Finance Director Smith detailed some of the groups that would be assisted through this program.

Councilor Cheney moved to schedule a Public Hearing on September 14, 2020 during the regular City Council meeting regarding a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funding requests from up to 10 public service providers, seconded by Councilor Felch;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.J. **Request to accept funds provided by the State and Federal Governments for election related expenses**

Councilor Cheney moved to accept federal Help America Vote Act funds in the amount of \$34,633.43 under the provisions of RSA 21-P:43, seconded by Councilor Felch;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Hamel YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

21. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

22. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Felch asked if any committee meetings need to be scheduled.

23. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

23.A. **Master Plan**

23.B. **Milfoil Treatment funding requests**

23.C. **Sewer & Water Master Plan**

23.D. **Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-op/Solid Waste disposal cost reductions**

23.E. **Strategic Planning/Goal Setting**

23.F. **WOW Trail**

23.G. **Weirs Beach Restoration Project**

23.H. **Fair St/Court St traffic problems and accidents**

24. **Any other business that may come before the Council**

25. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION (According to RSA 91-A:3, II)**

26. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council and hearing no objection, Mayor Hosmer adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020